Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

April 2015

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering April 12th to 18th, 2015, there were 569,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 4,900 from March 2015 and 7,700 more than the number employed in April 2014.

Agricultural employment was 41,000 persons in April 2015, up 1,300 from the March 2015 level and the same as the April 2014 agricultural employment level of 41,000. Non-agricultural employment was 528,500 persons in April 2015. This is an increase of 3,600 from the March 2015 non-agriculture employment level of 524,900 and 7,700 more than April 2014.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for April 2015 was 4.8 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the March 2015 rate of 4.9 percent but 0.9 percentage points higher than the April 2014 level of 3.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 4,200 to 598,000 persons in April 2015 from 593,800 persons in March 2015. This is 13,300 more than the April 2014 labour force of 584,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.5 percentage points to 69.6 percent in April 2015 from 69.1 percent in March 2015. The April 2014 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.8 percent.

There were 28,500 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during April 2015. This is a decrease of 700 from March 2015 but is 5,600 more than the number unemployed in April 2014.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 575,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in April 2015, up 2,500 from the March 2015 level of 572,900 and is up 7,800 from the April 2014 employment level of 567,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2015 was 4.3 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the March 2015 rate of 4.4 percent and 0.8 percentage points higher than the April 2014 rate of 3.5 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 123,900 persons in April 2015 to 17,697,900 persons from 17,574,000 persons in March 2015. In April 2014, there were 17,577,400 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.3 percentage points in April 2015 to 7.1 percent from the March 2015 level of 7.4 percent. In April 2014, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.8 percent in April 2015. This is the same as March 2015 but 0.2 percentage points lower than the April 2014 level of 7.0 percent.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	April 2015	March 2015	April 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,058.7	18,980.8	18,959.0	77.9	99.7
Employed ('000)	17,697.9	17,574.0	17,577.4	123.9	120.5
Full-Time ('000)	14,222.4	14,030.5	14,062.6	191.9	159.8
Part-Time ('000)	3,475.5	3,543.5	3,514.8	-68.0	-39.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,360.8	1,406.7	1,381.6	-45.9	-20.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	7.4	7.3	-0.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	6.8	7.0	0.0	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.3	65.0	65.6	0.3	-0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	598.0	593.8	584.7	4.2	13.3
Employed ('000)	569.5	564.6	561.8	4.9	7.7
Full-Time ('000)	467.5	463.2	452.7	4.3	14.8
Part-Time ('000)	101.9	101.4	109.1	0.5	-7.2
Unemployed ('000)	28.5	29.2	22.9	-0.7	5.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.9	3.9	-0.1	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.3	4.4	3.5	-0.1	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	69.1	68.8	0.5	0.8
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,430.6	2,410.8	2,357.3	19.8	73.3
Employed ('000)	2,284.6	2,261.6	2,233.1	23.0	51.5
Full-Time ('000)	1,859.2	1,859.3	1,835.9	-0.1	23.3
Part-Time ('000)	425.3	402.3	397.2	23.0	28.1
Unemployed ('000)	146.0	149.2	124.3	-3.2	21.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.2	5.3	-0.2	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.5	5.0	0.0	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	72.8	72.3	72.2	0.5	0.6
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	670.2	668.8	653.7	1.4	16.5
Employed ('000)	632.6	632.5	615.0	0.1	17.6
Full-Time ('000)	510.0	507.8	487.1	2.2	22.9
Part-Time ('000)	122.6	124.7	127.9	-2.1	-5.3
Unemployed ('000)	37.6	36.3	38.7	1.3	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.4	5.9	0.2	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.4	5.8	0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.0	68.0	67.1	0.0	0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	April 2015	March 2015	April 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	598.0	593.8	584.7	4.2	13.3
Male	323.3	321.5	318.4	1.8	4.9
Female	274.7	272.3	266.3	2.4	8.4
15-24 Years of Age	89.5	89.6	85.6	-0.1	3.9
25+ Years of age	508.5	504.1	499.1	4.4	9.4
EMPLOYED ('000)	569.5	564.6	561.8	4.9	7.7
Male	306.3	303.2	304.1	3.1	2.2
Female	263.1	261.4	257.7	1.7	5.4
15-24 Years of Age	79.6	80.3	79.5	-0.7	0.1
25+ Years of age	489.9	484.3	482.3	5.6	7.6
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	28.5	29.2	22.9	-0.7	5.6
Male	17.0	18.3	14.3	-1.3	2.7
Female	11.5	10.8	8.6	0.7	2.9
15-24 Years of Age	10.0	9.4	6.1	0.6	3.9
25+ Years of age	18.6	19.8	16.8	-1.2	1.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.8	4.9	3.9	-0.1	0.9
Male	5.3	5.7	4.5	-0.4	0.8
Female	4.2	4.0	3.2	0.2	1.0
15-24 Years of Age	11.2	10.5	7.1	0.7	4.1
25+ Years of age	3.7	3.9	3.4	-0.2	0.3
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.6	69.1	68.8	0.5	0.8
Male	74.6	74.3	74.4	0.3	0.2
Female	64.4	63.9	63.1	0.5	1.3
15-24 Years of Age	65.2	65.2	61.6	0.0	3.6
25+ Years of age	70.4	69.9	70.2	0.5	0.2

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	April 2015	March 2015	April 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	41.0	39.7	41.0	1.3	0.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.0	26.0	26.8	-1.0	-1.8
Utilities	6.6	6.2	5.9	0.4	0.7
Construction	54.0	51.4	54.5	2.6	-0.5
Manufacturing	25.5	25.9	30.5	-0.4	-5.0
Trade	81.5	83.3	82.4	-1.8	-0.9
Transportation and Warehousing	30.4	29.1	28.8	1.3	1.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.0	30.7	28.2	0.3	2.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	25.0	24.4	27.1	0.6	-2.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.0	14.8	12.0	0.2	3.0
Educational Services	48.6	48.4	44.8	0.2	3.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	77.6	75.5	74.1	2.1	3.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	16.9	16.7	17.1	0.2	-0.2
Accommodation and Food Services	35.7	36.9	35.8	-1.2	-0.1
Other Services	25.1	25.7	24.3	-0.6	0.8
Public Administration	30.4	29.9	28.6	0.5	1.8
Total	569.5	564.6	561.8	4.9	7.7
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	467.5	463.2	452.7	4.3	14.8
Part-Time	101.9	101.4	109.1	0.5	-7.2
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	464.7	462.7	454.9	2.0	9.8
Public Sector	146.7	143.9	133.5	2.8	13.2
Private Sector	318.0	318.8	321.4	-0.8	-3.4
Self-Employed	104.8	101.9	106.9	2.9	-2.1

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	April 2015	March 2015	April 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,697.9	17,574.0	17,577.4	123.9	120.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	229.3	225.4	231.3	3.9	-2.0
Prince Edward Island	69.4	68.9	69.6	0.5	-0.2
Nova Scotia	434.1	431.7	438.5	2.4	-4.4
New Brunswick	343.7	341.3	343.1	2.4	0.6
Quebec	4,058.0	4,012.0	3,991.2	46.0	66.8
Ontario	6,833.6	6,781.2	6,829.8	52.4	3.8
Manitoba	632.6	632.5	615.0	0.1	17.6
Saskatchewan	569.5	564.6	561.8	4.9	7.7
Alberta	2,284.6	2,261.6	2,233.1	23.0	51.5
British Columbia	2,243.1	2,254.9	2,264.0	-11.8	-20.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.1	7.4	7.3	-0.3	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.7	15.6	13.6	-0.9	1.1
Prince Edward Island	13.7	13.6	14.4	0.1	-0.7
Nova Scotia	10.1	10.1	10.0	0.0	0.1
New Brunswick	11.6	11.6	12.3	0.0	-0.7
Quebec	8.1	8.3	8.4	-0.2	-0.3
Ontario	6.8	7.3	7.3	-0.5	-0.5
Manitoba	5.6	5.4	5.9	0.2	-0.3
Saskatchewan	4.8	4.9	3.9	-0.1	0.9
Alberta	6.0	6.2	5.3	-0.2	0.7
British Columbia	6.2	6.3	5.9	-0.1	0.3

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	April 2015	March 2015	April 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,894.9	17,914.6	17,755.8	-19.7	139.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	237.1	234.9	238.5	2.2	-1.4
Prince Edward Island	73.2	73.6	72.9	-0.4	0.3
Nova Scotia	443.0	446.0	446.2	-3.0	-3.2
New Brunswick	354.5	354.5	353.2	0.0	1.3
Quebec	4,110.9	4,099.2	4,042.2	11.7	68.7
Ontario	6,887.8	6,902.1	6,876.3	-14.3	11.5
Manitoba	638.6	640.7	620.5	-2.1	18.1
Saskatchewan	575.4	572.9	567.6	2.5	7.8
Alberta	2,313.9	2,301.4	2,260.6	12.5	53.3
British Columbia	2,260.6	2,289.3	2,277.8	-28.7	-17.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.8	6.8	7.0	0.0	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.6	13.3	11.9	-0.7	0.7
Prince Edward Island	10.5	11.0	11.2	-0.5	-0.7
Nova Scotia	9.2	9.3	9.0	-0.1	0.2
New Brunswick	9.9	10.1	10.6	-0.2	-0.7
Quebec	7.4	7.5	7.7	-0.1	-0.3
Ontario	6.8	6.9	7.3	-0.1	-0.5
Manitoba	5.5	5.4	5.8	0.1	-0.3
Saskatchewan	4.3	4.4	3.5	-0.1	0.8
Alberta	5.5	5.5	5.0	0.0	0.5
British Columbia	6.3	5.8	6.1	0.5	0.2

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	April 2015	March 2015	April 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.8	6.6	5.5	0.2	1.3
Halifax	6.9	6.6	6.2	0.3	0.7
Saint John	8.4	9.7	7.9	-1.3	0.5
Quebec	5.5	5.8	5.6	-0.3	-0.1
Montreal	8.2	8	8.7	0.2	-0.5
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.7	7.1	6.9	-0.4	-0.2
Toronto	6.9	7	7.5	-0.1	-0.6
Greater Sudbury	7.3	7	7	0.3	0.3
Winnipeg	6.0	6.2	5.9	-0.2	0.1
Regina	4.8	5.2	3.7	-0.4	1.1
Saskatoon	5.5	5.6	4.7	-0.1	0.8
Calgary	5.8	5.6	5.7	0.2	0.1
Edmonton	6.4	5.7	4.9	0.7	1.5
Vancouver	6.0	6.1	5.7	-0.1	0.3
Victoria	5.9	5.2	5.2	0.7	0.7
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	178.7	179.1	177.8	-0.4	0.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.2	53.8	52.1	0.4	2.1
Saskatoon-Biggar	194.3	192.6	192.5	1.7	1.8
Yorkton-Melville	38.7	38.7	39.7	0.0	-1.0
Prince Albert & Northern	98.2	96.0	97.2	2.2	1.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	April 2015	March 2015	April 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	593.9	590.5	585.2	3.4	8.7
Employed ('000)	563.7	560.4	560.1	3.3	3.6
Unemployed ('000)	30.2	30.1	25.1	0.1	5.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	5.1	4.3	0.0	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	68.8	69	0.3	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	65.6	65.3	66	0.3	-0.4
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	545.1	542.7	537.2	2.4	7.9
Employed ('000)	520.2	517.0	517.9	3.2	2.3
Unemployed ('000)	24.9	25.7	19.3	-0.8	5.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.7	3.6	-0.1	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	69.4	69.5	0.3	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.5	66.2	67	0.3	-0.5
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	48.9	47.8	48	1.1	0.9
Employed ('000)	43.6	43.4	42.2	0.2	1.4
Unemployed ('000)	5.3	4.4	5.8	0.9	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.8	9.2	12.1	1.6	-1.3
Participation Rate (%)	63.5	62.2	63.5	1.3	0.0
Employment Rate (%)	56.6	56.5	55.9	0.1	0.7
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Labour Force ('000)	18.2	18.0	17.6	0.2	0.6
Employed ('000)	15.1	15.3	14.8	-0.2	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	2.7	2.8	0.4	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.9	14.8	15.8	2.1	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	56.1	55.6	55.1	0.5	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	46.6	47.4	46.3	-0.8	0.3
MÉTIS					
Labour Force ('000)	30.7	29.8	30.2	0.9	0.5
Employed ('000)	28.4	28.1	27.2	0.3	1.2
Unemployed ('000)	2.2	1.8	3	0.4	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	5.9	9.9	1.4	-2.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	67.5	69.6	1.7	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	64.2	63.5	62.7	0.7	1.5

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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